

Appl. No.: 10/718,766
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REMARKS

No claims are amended or cancelled. Claims 1-13 are presented for reconsideration by the Examiner.

Interview Summary

On August 5, 2005, counsel for Applicant conducted an interview with the Examiner to discuss:

1. The recitations of independent claims 1 and 9;
2. The Examiner's Final Rejection; and
3. The differences between the references cited by the Examiner and the recitations of claims 1 and 9.

The above listed items were discussed, with counsel for Applicant emphasizing the structures and relationships recited in the final two paragraphs of claims 1 and 9. Counsel for Applicant used the Figures of the Application to illustrate the claimed structures and relationships. Counsel for Applicant then compared the clarified structures and relationships to the disclosures of U.S. Patent No. 6,641,282 to Perlo et al. Counsel for Applicant pointed out that Perlo does not disclose, teach or suggest the relationship between the longitudinal reflecting surfaces and the substantially circular concave reflecting surfaces recited in the final two paragraphs of claims 1 and 9.

The Examiner acknowledged that there appeared to be a substantial distinction between the disclosure of Perlo and the recitations of claims 1 and 9.

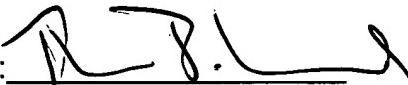
Applicant believes that this conversation with the Examiner in conjunction with the arguments made in the Response to Office Action dated May 24, 2005 overcome the rejection of claims 1-13 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,742,432 to Thillays et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,641,282 to Perlo et al.

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For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Final Rejection and allowance of claims 1 through 13.

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